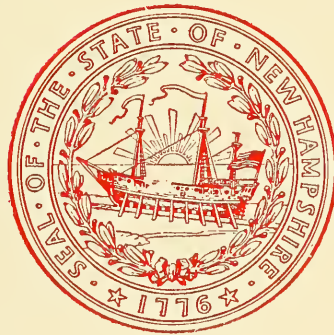



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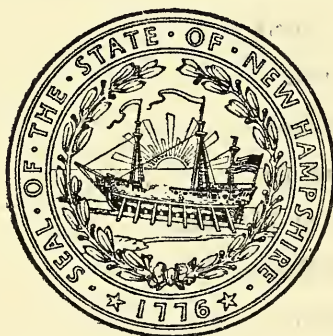
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# GROTON

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**TOWN OFFICERS**

*Moderator*

C. DENIS MATTHEWS

*Town Clerk*

BETTY ANN deMELLO

*Selectmen*

C. DENIS MATTHEWS                      LEWIS ALBERT  
FRAZER NEWBERRY

*Highway Surveyor*

EDGAR ALBERT

*Tax Collector*

BETTY ANN deMELLO

*Land Agents*

SELECTMEN

*Librarian*

ANNE NETTLETON

*Police*

CARL PEBBLES

*Health Officers*

SELECTMEN

*Auditor*

JOHN KELLY, Cert. Acc.

*Trustee of Trust Funds*

BARBARA HOBART

*Library Trustees*

BARBARA HOBART                      ZELMA WATTS

*Janitor*

CLAYTON HOBART

*Constable*

PETER deMELLO

*Fire Warden*

C. DENIS MATTHEWS

*Deputy Wardens*

FLOYD COLBY, SR.

PERLEY WOODWARD

EDGAR ALBERT

JAMES PARRIS

**TOWN WARRANT**

State of New Hampshire

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of  
Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, next at three o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give a 2% discount for payment of taxes paid within 15 days after Tax Collector's mailing date.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of or administer any Real Estate acquired by Tax Collector's deeds.
5. To see if the Town will vote to continue plowing driveways at \$15.00 per driveway, with these restrictions:
  - \*a. must be able to be plowed
  - \*b. must not be over 1000 feet long, extra charge for long driveways
  - c. must be paid in full by December 1st.

\*Selectmen and road agent to determine the feasibility of a. and b.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for a new truck.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$297.00 and the State will contribute \$1,989.99 for Class IV and V construction.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,000.00 for the sealing of roads.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire a Secretary at the rate of \$2.00 an hour and not to exceed \$300.00 a year for his or her services.

11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Coolidge Road, so-called, subject to gates and bars.

12. To see if the Town will vote to rename the Kinny Road or Palamore Mine Road to the Edgar Albert Road.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Road Agent to dump sand on the ice at Spec. Pond for the improvement of the beach.

14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Town Ordinances:

- a. no spraying of the power lines
- b. no camping trailers or utility trailers parking on Town roads without written permission, due to pollution
- c. no lots sold after 1973 less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre
- d. curfew on snowmachines
- e. no town roads will be accepted without first meeting Class V classification
- f. permits for new driveways - issued by Selectmen and Road Agent.
- g. restrictions at Spect. Pond beach.



15. To see if the Town will appropriate \$1,500.00 for new equipment, listed as follows:

- a. 2 fireproof filing cabinets
- b. 1 new adding machine
- c. 1 conference table
- d. wing for truck

16. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the amendments of the Constitution proposed by the 1971 session of the General Court shall be approved.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

*Given under our hands and seal, the 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.*

C. DENIS MATTHEWS  
LEWIS ALBERT  
FRAZER NEWBERRY

*Selectmen of Groton*

A True copy of Warrant—Attest:

C. DENIS MATTHEWS  
LEWIS ALBERT  
FRAZER NEWBERRY

*Selectmen of Groton*

Polls will be open from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Supper will be served from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$ 554,555.00
Buildings	286,150.00
Public Utilities, Electric	250,150.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers Assessed as Personal Property	30,275.00
Boats and Launches	1,245.00
<i>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed</i>	<u>                    </u> \$1,222,375.00
New Hampshire Electric	\$ 10,150.00
New England Power Co.	240,000.00
	<u>                    </u> \$250,150.00

Number of Inventories Distributed in 1971 - 224

Date 1971 Inventories Were Mailed - 3/30/71

Number of Inventories Returned in 1971 - 165

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year Jan. 1, 1972 to Dec. 31, 1972. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year Jan. 1, 1971 to Dec. 31, 1971.

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Previous Yr. 1971</b>	<b>Actual Revenue Previous Yr. 1971</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1972</b>
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$100.00	\$135.60	\$140.00
Savings Bank Tax	40.00	55.53	50.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	400.00	539.61	539.61
Reimb., a/c State & Fed. forest lands	300.00	495.25	490.00
Reimb., a/c Stock in Trade		81.00	80.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	25.00	8.80	
Reimb., Refrig.		165.40	
Reimb., a/c Old Age Assistance	100.00	59.13	
<b>From Local Sources</b>			
Dog Licenses	50.00	59.20	50.00
Fus. Licenses, Permits, Filing Fees		2.00	
Interest Received on Taxes		150.66	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of equip.	300.00	642.00	600.00
Duncan Fund	1,564.42	1,564.42	730.60
Town Road Aid - 1970		4.02	
Gas Tax		1,778.88	3,547.90
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,350.00	1,478.08	1,500.00
Withdrawals from Cap. Res. Funds		3,000.00	
Longyear Foundation		165.00	150.00
Refund U.S. Treas., FICA		150.08	
<b>Reimb., a/c Business Profits Tax     (Town Portion Only)</b>	<b>70.88</b>	<b>80.40</b>	<b>75.00</b>
Surplus Food, Town of Hebron		17.95	20.00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than     Property Taxes:</b>			
Resident Taxes Retained	100.00	385.00	400.00
Yield Taxes	700.00	993.19	
<b>Total Revenues From All Sources</b>	<b>5,100.30</b>	<b>\$12,011.20</b>	<b>\$8,373.11</b>
Except Property Taxes			
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>\$8,373.11</b>

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N. H.

APPROPRIATIONS	Appropriations Previous Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Yr.	Estimated Appropriations En- suing Yr.	
General Government	1971	1971	1972	+ -
Town officers' salaries	\$1,550.00	\$1,618.02	\$2,000.00	-\$68.02
Town officers' expenses	800.00	938.07	800.00	-138.07
Elect. & registration exp.	200.00	514.65	600.00	-314.65
Exp., town hall, other bldgs.	350.00	699.61	1,000.00	-349.61
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police department	500.00	374.20	500.00	+125.80
Fire department	250.00	244.21	400.00	+5.79
Insurance	400.00	555.00	550.00	-155.00
Damages, legal expenses	200.00	50.00	200.00	+150.00
Civil defense	100.00		200.00	+100.00
Health: Health dept., hosp.	160.00	50.00	150.00	+110.00
Vital statistics			25.00	
Town dump	400.00	628.35	800.00	-228.35
Highways and Bridges:				
Sealing	1,500.00	1,589.38	1,500.00	-89.38
Town maint.-Summer, incl. Gas tax & Duncan fund	4,500.00	7,389.95	7,500.00	-1,119.95
Town maint.-Winter	3,000.00	6,603.96	5,000.00	-3,603.96
Street lighting	170.00	140.00	170.00	+30.00
Gen. exp., highway dept.	1,000.00	2,890.56	1,000.00	-1,890.56
Town Road Aid	298.82	298.82	297.90	
Libraries	350.00	350.00	350.00	
Public Welfare: Town poor, surplus food	200.00	475.58	300.00	-92.23
Old age assistance	2,000.00	2,481.63	1,500.00	-481.63
Recreation:				
Parks and playgrounds	100.00		250.00	+100.00
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	150.00	112.50	200.00	+37.50
Interest: Temp. loans	125.00	338.44	400.00	-213.44
Capital Outlay: new equip.	3,000.00	6,000.00	1,500.00	
Payment, Cap. Res. fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Deficit of Prev. Year			4,560.74	
Total Appropriations	\$22,303.82	\$35,342.93	\$32,753.64	-\$8,085.76

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,575.00
Town Office Administrative Expenses	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	200.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	350.00
Police Department	500.00
Fire Department	250.00
Insurance	400.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	200.00
Civilian Defense	100.00
Health Department	160.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	400.00
Town Maintenance	7,500.00
Street Lighting	170.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	341.15
Libraries	350.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Public Relief	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	150.00
New Equipment	3,000.00
Payment on Debt	200.00
Capital Reserve Fund	1,000.00
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<i>Total Town Appropriation</i>	<i>\$20,946.15</i>

*Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits*

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 135.60
Savings Bank Tax	55.53
Meals and Rooms Tax	535.00
Reimb., a/c State & Fed. Lands	339.78
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	828.00

Dog Licenses	59.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,237.14	
Rent of Town Prop. and Equipment	250.00	
Longyear Foundation	165.00	
Resident Taxes Retained	363.00	
Surplus	1,700.00	
Other Revenue: TRA 1970	4.02	
Reimb., Forest Fire Dept. .	41.13	
RSA 31-A-4 and 31-A-5-11	40.20	
Highway Subsidy	1,778.00	
<i>Total Revenues and Credits</i>	<hr/>	7,531.40
Net Town Appropriations		\$13,414.75
Net School Appropriations		18,002.13
County Tax Assessment		6,264.99
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<i>Total Town, School and County</i>		\$37,681.87
<i>Deduct: Reimb. a/c Property Exempted</i>		
1970 Spec. Session		161.40
Add: War Service Tax Credits		700.00
Add: Overlay		1,062.65
		<hr/>
<i>Property Taxes To Be Raised</i>		\$39,283.12
<i>Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector:</i>		
Gross Property Taxes	\$39,283.12	
Less: W/Serv. Tax Cr.	700.00	
	<hr/>	
<i>Total Tax Commitment</i>		\$38,583.12

Town Tax Rate - \$3.50

## State Tax Commission

## SEPARATE TAX RATES TO BE PRINTED ON

## 1971 TAX BILLS (RSA 76:11; 11-a; 13)

## Town of Groton (Revised)

<i>Unit of Government</i>	<i>Rates</i>
Municipal	\$1.34
County	.56
School	1.60
Combined Rate	<hr/> \$3.50

**RSA 76:11** provides for delivery of the list (warrant) to the collector within thirty days of receipt of approval of the tax rate unless for good cause the time is extended by the commission. The collector shall within thirty days after receipt of the warrant from the selectmen (assessors) send out the tax bills unless for good cause the time is extended by the commission.

**RSA 76:11-a, Information Required.** The tax bill which is sent to every person taxed, or his agent, if known, as provided in section 11, shall show the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately. The 1971 rate breakdown reflects a proportionate share of the Reimbursement a/c Property Exempted by 1970 Special Session for each unit of government.

**RSA 76:13** provides that if tax bills are mailed on or before November 1 interest is not charged if payment is made on or before December 1. However, if tax bills are mailed between November 2 and 15 inclusive interest is not charged if payment is made on or

before December 15. In the event that tax bills are not sent until after November 15 interest shall not be charged on taxes paid on or before December 30.

The tax bill which you mail must contain the date from which interest will be charged and this date is determined by the date you send the last bill on the list committed to you. It is also required by statute that you notify this commission in writing of the date on which you send the last bill. There is enclosed a form for this purpose.

STATE TAX COMMISSION

By: Lawton B. Chandler

*Commissioner*

Nov. 5, 1971



# **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Value</i>
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	200.00
Fire Department, Equipment	500.00
Highway Department, 1971 Model 700 Internat'l Truck	8,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	4,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	7.30
Town Dump	400.00
Selectmen's Office and Equipment	1,500.00
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<i>Total</i>	\$20,907.30

**TOWN OF GROTON****BALANCE***— Assets —**Cash:*

In hands of Treasurer	\$ 1,376.98
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*Unredeemed Taxes:*

Levy of 1969	7.30
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*Uncollected Taxes:*

Levy of 1971, Including Resident Taxes	2,618.94
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*Total Assets*


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	\$4,003.22
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<i>Current Deficit</i> (excess of liab. over assets)	
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	4,560.74
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*Grand Total*


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	\$8,563.96
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Current Surplus (Deficit) 12/31/70	3,714.60
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Current Surplus (Deficit) 12/31/71	4,560.74
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Increase-Decrease of Surplus (Deficit)	2,560.74
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SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1971

— *Liabilities* —*Accounts Owed by the Town:*

## Due to State:

Resident Taxes, 1971 (State's share only)	\$ 49.50
School District Tax Payable	8,302.13

*Other Liabilities*

Duncan Fund - 1971	212.33
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<i>Total Accounts Owed by the Town</i>	<u>\$8,563.96</u>
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<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$8,563.96
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$8,563.96
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**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

Received from Auto Permits: Collected		\$1,478.08
Received from Dog Licenses:		
Dog Tax Collected	\$64.00	
Less Clerk's Fee	4.80	
	<hr/>	59.20
Paid to Treasurer		\$1,537.28

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY ANN deMELLO  
*Town Clerk*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## Summary of Warrants Property, Resident and Yield Taxes 1971

— DR. —

### *Taxes Committed to Collector:*

Property Taxes	\$39,194.06	
Resident Taxes	660.00	
Total Warrant	<hr/>	\$39,854.06
Yield Taxes		993.19

### *Added Taxes:*

Property Taxes	\$55.00	
Resident Taxes	80.00	
Total	<hr/>	135.00

### *Interest Collected on Delinquent*

Property Taxes		.68
Penalties Collected on Resident Tax		1.00
Total Debits	<hr/>	\$40,983.93

— CR. —

### *Remittances to Treasurer:*

Property Tax	\$35,556.55	
Resident Taxes	590.00	
Yield Tax	993.19	
Interest Collected	.68	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	1.00	
Total	<hr/>	\$37,141.42

*Discounts Allowed* 979.06

### *Atatements Made During Year:*

Property Taxes	\$194.51
Resident Taxes	40.00

Total	_____	234.51
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*Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1971:*

(As per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$2,518.94	
Resident Taxes	110.00	
Total	_____	2,628.94

Total Credits	_____	\$40,983.93
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## Summary of Warrant

## Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

## Levy of 1970

— DR. —

*Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1971:*

Property Taxes	\$4,207.44	
Poll Taxes	16.00	
Yield Taxes	677.06	
	_____	\$4,900.50

*Interest Collected During Fiscal*

Year Ended Dec. 31, 1971	149.98
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Total Debits	_____	\$5,050.48
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— CR. —

*Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal**Year Ended Dec. 31, 1971:*

Property Taxes	\$4,207.44	
Poll Taxes	16.00	
Yield Taxes	677.06	
Interest Collected During Year	149.98	
	_____	\$5,050.48

## Summary of Warrant

## State Head Tax

## Levy of 1970

— DR. —

<i>Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1971</i>	\$65.00	
Added Taxes During 1971	5.00	
Penalties Collected During 1971	6.50	
<i>Total Debits</i>	_____	\$76.50

— CR. —

*Remittances to Treasurer During 1971:*

Head Taxes	\$70.00	
Penalties	6.50	
<i>Total Credits</i>	_____	\$76.50

## Summary of Tax Sales Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended Dec 31, 1970

— DR. —

<i>Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1969</i>
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$ 7.30	
Redemption Costs	2.96	\$1.48
<i>Total Debits</i>	<u>\$10.26</u>	<u>\$1.48</u>

— CR. —

<i>Remittances to Treasurer During Year:</i>		
Redemptions	\$2.96	\$1.48
Deeded to Town During Year	7.30	
<i>Total Credits</i>	<u>\$10.26</u>	<u>\$1.48</u>



## REPORT OF TREASURER

### Receipts :

#### *Betty deMello, Collector:*

1970 Polls	\$ 16.00
1970 Property Tax	4,207.44
1970 Yield Tax	677.06
1970 Interest	63.22
1970 Head Tax	70.00
1970 Penalties	6.50
1970 Cost of Advertising and Tax Sale	88.24
1971 Resident Tax	590.00
1971 Property Tax	35,556.55
1971 Yield Tax	993.19
1971 Interest	.68
1971 Resident Tax Penalties	1.00
Taxes Redeemed	2.96

#### *State of New Hampshire:*

Reimb., a/c State & Fed. Forest Reserve Lands	835.03
Reimb., a/c Old Age Assistance	59.13
Reimb., a/c unexpended bal. TRA A Project	4.02
Business Profits Tax	161.40
State's Share of Forest Fire Bills	41.13
Duncan Fund	1,564.42
Interest and Dividends Tax	135.60
Savings Bank Tax	55.53
Reimb., a/c TRA Expenditures	1,227.03
Reimb., a/c Gas Tax	1,778.88
Town's Share, Rooms and Meals Tax	539.61

#### *Pemigewasset National Bank:*

Temporary Loans	20,000.00
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#### *Treasurer of the United States:*

Refund a/c overpayment of Federal	
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Income Tax Withheld	150.08
<i>Rent of Equipment:</i>	
Plowing Driveways	615.00
<i>Town Clerk:</i>	
1970 Motor Vehicle Permits	30.69
1971 Motor Vehicle Permits	1,447.39
Dog Tax	59.20
<i>Longyear Foundation:</i>	
Contribution to Town	150.00
Contribution to Police Department	15.00
<i>Town of Hebron, N.H.:</i>	
Truck Rental	27.00
Reimb. for Hebron's Share of Surplus Food	17.95
<i>Grafton County Commissioners:</i>	
Surplus Foods Reimb., a/c Purchase of Refrigerator-Freezer	165.40
<i>Barbara Hobart, Trustee:</i>	
Capital Reserve Fund	3,000.00
<i>Selectmen:</i>	
Pistol Permits	2.00
<i>Bonnie Lee Albert, Treasurer:</i>	
Redeposit of Uncashed Check of Dec. 1970	16.55
<i>Total</i>	<hr/> \$74,370.88
Cash in Hand January 1, 1971	8,203.93
<i>Grand Total</i>	<hr/> \$82,574.81
<i>Payments:</i>	
Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$81,192.63
Bank Service Charge	5.20
	<hr/> 81,197.83
Balance	<hr/> \$ 1,376.98
Respectfully submitted, BONNIE LEE ALBERT <i>Treasurer</i>	

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

### *Current Revenue:*

#### *From Local Taxes: (Collected and Remitted to Treasurer)*

Property Taxes, cur. yr., 1971	\$35,556.55
Resident Taxes, cur. yr., 1971	590.00
Yield Taxes, cur. yr., 1971	993.19
Total Current Year's Taxes	<hr/>
Collected and Remitted	\$37,139.74
Prop. & Yield Taxes, prev. yrs.	4,884.50
Poll Taxes, prev. yrs.	16.00
State Head Taxes, prev. yrs.	70.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	152.14
Penalties	6.50
Tax sales redeemed	2.96
	<hr/>
	\$42,271.84

#### *From State:*

##### *For Highways and Bridges:*

For Town Road Aid	\$1,227.03
Class V maintenance	1,564.42
Highway Subsidy	1,778.88
Interest and dividends tax	135.60
Savings Bank Tax	55.53
Reimb., State & Fed. forest lands '71	495.25
Reimb., State & Fed. forest lands '70	339.78
Reimb., Stock in Trade	81.00
Fighting forest fires	41.13
Reimb., Old Age Assistance	59.13
Meals and Rooms Tax	539.61
Reimb., Business Profits Tax	80.40

#### *From Local Sources, Except Taxes:*

Dog Licenses	59.20
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Bus. licenses, permits, filing fees	2.00
Rent of town property	642.00
Motor vehicle permits (1970 - \$20.69)	
(1971 - \$1,457.39)	1,478.08

*Receipts Other than Current Revenue:*

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000.00
Refunds, TRA	4.02
Withdrawals from Cap. Res. Funds	3,000.00
Grafton County Comm., Refrig.	165.40
Uncashed Check, Carl Pebble, 1970	16.55
Refund, U.S. Treas., 1 & 2 quarter, '70	150.08
Reimb., Hebron Surplus Food	17.95
Long Year Foundation	165.00
Total Receipts Other Than	
Current Revenue	32,098.04
<i>Total Receipts from All Sources</i>	<u>\$74,369.88</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1971	8,203.93
<i>Grand Total</i>	<u>\$82,574.81</u>

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

*Current Maintenance Expenses:**General Government:*

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,618.02
Town officers' expenses	938.07
Election and registration expenses	514.65
Exp., town hall and other town bldgs.	699.61

*Protection of Persons and Property:*

Police department	374.20
Fire department, incl. forest fires	244.21
Insurance	555.00

*Health:*

Health dept., incl. hospitals	50.00
Town dump	628.35

*Highways and Bridge:*

Duncan Fund	2,347.89
Town Road Aid	298.82
Town Maintenance, Sealing	1,589.38
Summer	5,042.06
Winter	6,603.96
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	13,235.40
Street Lighting	140.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	2,890.56

<i>Libraries:</i>	350.00
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<i>Public Welfare: Old Age Assistance</i>	2,481.63
Town poor	475.58

*Public Service Enterprises:*

Cemeteries	112.50
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*Unclassified*

Damages and Legal Expenses	50.00
Tax Sale	29.00
Taxes Bought by Town	7.30
Car Registration and Resident Tax fees	135.60

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<i>Total Current Maint. Expenses</i>	\$28,191.55
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*Debt Service**Interest on Debt:*

Paid on tax anticipation notes	338.44
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*Principal of Debt:*

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	20,000.00
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*Capital Outlay:*

Highways and Bridges, TRA	\$1,227.03
New Equipment, Truck	6,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	1,000.00
<i>Total Outlay Payments</i>	<hr/> 8,227.03

*Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:*

Resident Taxes pd. State Treas.	\$ 266.05
State Head Taxes pd. State Treas.	71.60
Paymts to State a/c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	278.37
Taxes paid to County	6,264.99
Boat Tax	1.26
Payments to School District	
1970 Tax	\$7,863.30
1971 Tax	9,700.00
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<i>Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions</i>	<hr/> 24,445.47

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<i>Total Payments for all Purposes</i>	\$81,197.83
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Cash on hand December 31, 1971	1,376.98
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$82,574.81
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## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### *Town Officers' Salaries:*

C. Denis Matthews, Selectman	\$ 400.00
Lewis Albert, Selectman	250.00
Frazer Newberry, Selectman	261.00
Bonnie Lee Albert, Treasurer	200.00
Betty Ann deMello, Town Clerk	100.00
Betty Ann deMello, Tax Collector	387.02
Barbara Hobart, Trustee	20.00
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	\$1,618.02

### *Town Officers' Expenses:*

Bettina Adams, Treasurer	\$ 6.00
David Joslyn, Auditing	35.00
Terry Colby, Auditing	41.40
Bristol Enterprise, notices, supplies	73.70
Ruth Adams, telephone calls	7.80
N.H. Association of Assessors	15.00
Bonnie Albert, trips to bank and postage	60.97
N.H. Electric Co-op., lights	15.85
N.H. Municipal Assoc., dues	50.00
C. Denis Matthews, postage	12.00
N.H. Tax Collectors' Assoc., dues	5.00
Chas. A. Carr Co., oil	134.29
Charles A. Wood, reg. of deeds	54.56
Nuri Assoc., installation of 2-way radio	16.00
Elson C. Eastman, tax collector's books	30.20
Betty deMello, petty cash	50.00
John C. Ray, bonds	99.00
Northeast Communication, radio	6.50
Richard O'Rourke, painting	115.00
Homestead Press, supplies	28.98
Branham Pub. Co., auto ref. books	8.85
C. Denis Matthews, trip to Concord	9.40
Brown & Saltmarsh, payroll pads	44.90

Brown & Saltmarsh, res. tax book	16.90
Cardigan Sport Store, supplies	4.13
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	3.90
Mt. Media Inc., notices	2.70
Bank Service Charge	5.20
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	\$938.07

*Election and Registration:*

C. Denis Matthews, Moderator	\$ 17.10
Barbara Hobart, Ballot Clerk	8.75
Roland Matthews, Ballot Clerk	8.75
Beatrice Smith, Ballot Clerk	5.25
Yvonne Stevens, Ballot Clerk	8.75
Terry Colby, Supervisor	27.13
Lillian Colby, Supervisor	49.65
Irma Woodward, Supervisor	46.62
Louise Clancy, Supervisor	13.50
Mountain Media, Sup. Notices	3.60
Bristol Enterprise, Sup. Notices	3.60
Bristol Enterprise, Ballot, Town Reports	321.95
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	\$514.65

*Town Hall and Other Town Buildings:*

Mountain View Oil, oil	\$ 74.39
Chas. A. Carr Co., gas heater, labor	365.29
N.H. Electric Co., lights	53.72
Charles Matthews, painting	90.00
Rands, glass	8.90
Fire-End Croker Coop., fire exting.	54.95
Verna Matthews, cleaning select. office, supplies	52.36
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	\$699.61

*Police Department:*

Carl Pebbles, patrolling	\$374.20
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*Fire Department:*

C. Denis Matthews, warden meetings & mileage	\$ 82.25
Treasurer, State of N.H., fire tools	51.96
Town of Rumney, Parris fire	110.00
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	\$244.21

*Insurance:*

John C. Ray	\$531.00
Concord General Mutual, Town Hall	24.00
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	\$555.00

*Health:*

Pemi-Baker Health Agency	\$50.00
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*Town Dump:*

Edgar Albert, labor	\$122.80
Ernest Matthews Jr., labor	6.75
Lewis Albert, labor	33.75
David Albert, labor	18.00
Paul Adams, labor	146.25
Peter deMello, labor	18.00
Everett Hobart, labor	101.25
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, wire	53.40
Frazer Newberry, labor	9.00
Alan Matthews, labor	9.00
Midway Service, bulldozing	76.40
Joseph Matthews, labor	24.75
Mark Newberry, labor	9.00
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	\$628.35

*Duncan Fund:*

Edgar Albert, labor	\$ 152.75
Lewis Albert, labor	218.25
Ernest Matthews Jr., labor	173.25

Edgar Albert, tractor	155.00
Joseph Matthews, labor	27.00
James Albert, labor	4.50
David Albert, labor	72.00
Edgar Albert, power saw	65.00
James Albert, power saw	53.00
Everett Hobart, labor	45.00
Chester Hinkson, loader	126.50
James Albert, sand	9.75
Edgar Albert, gas	6.60
Charles Matthews, labor	38.25
E. J. Owens, mix cold patch	137.30
N.H. Bituminous, tar	1,063.74

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Includes Balance of 1970	\$995.80	\$2,347.89
Balance of 1971	\$212.33	
to be used on or before July 1, 1972.		

*Town Road Aid (T.R.A.):*

Town Share	\$ 298.82
Edgar Albert, labor	210.90
Edgar Albert, loader	382.50
Ernest Matthews Jr., labor	227.25
Lewis Albert, labor	130.50
Kenneth Harmon, truck	124.25
Edward Smith, backhoe	82.50
Edward Smith, loader	36.50
Everett Hobart, labor	32.63

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\$1,525.85

*Sealing Roads:*

State Treasurer, sealing	\$ 759.48
Edgar Albert, grader	425.25
gasoline	79.45
truck	12.00

tractor	4.00
2 trips to Canaan	15.00
Edward Smith, truck	3.00
Edward Smith, sealing	44.00
Dean Yeaton, truck	168.00
Chet Hinkson	79.20
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	\$1,589.38

*Summer Roads and Gas Tax:*

Edgar Albert, labor	\$ 857.75
Lewis Albert, labor	751.50
Kenneth Harmon, truck	63.90
Edgar Albert, tractor	356.00
Edgar Albert, truck	18.00
Arthur Brown, labor	60.75
Joseph Matthews, labor	27.00
Ernest Matthews Jr., labor	711.00
Edgar Albert, grader	524.75
James Albert, truck	6.00
Raymond Davis, sand	22.50
Edgar Albert, loader	417.50
James Albert, sand	34.50
Everett Hobart, labor	29.25
Edgar Albert, Jeep	6.00
Edgar Albert, brake hose	4.15
Edward Smith, backhoe	41.25
Edward Smith, gravel	17.00
James Albert, power saw	124.00
Edgar Albert, power saw	159.00
Edgar Albert, gas	82.80
N.H. Bituminous Co., tar	727.46
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	\$5,042.06

Summer Road - Raised	\$3,000.00
Gas Tax Allotment	1,778.88

Total

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 \$4,778.88
*Winter Roads:*

Edgar Albert, labor	\$ 582.87
Ernest Matthews Jr., labor	1,089.50
Edgar Albert, gas	267.37
James Albert, sand	22.50
Edgar Albert, truck	95.00
Lewis Albert, labor	1,012.00
Edgar Albert, tractor	304.00
Lewis Albert, plowing	156.00
Edgar Albert, plowing	2,366.00
James Albert, labor	26.25
Edgar Albert, Jeep	18.00
James Albert, parts	7.50
Edgar Albert, loader	42.50
Joseph Matthews, labor	43.75
Edgar Albert, phone calls	3.85
Blair Matthews, labor	8.75
Edgar Albert, 2 trips to Concord	20.00
Paul Adams, trip to Concord	10.00
Edgar Albert, trip to White River	12.00
Mt. Crosby Oil Shop, oil	7.45
Edgar Albert, parts	11.40
Raymond Davis, sand and loader	62.50
Edgar Albert, Oshkosh	152.00
Hebron Village Store, gas	54.74
Charles Coffin, plowing Town House	176.00
Campers Rest. gas	52.03
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	\$6,603.96

*General Expense of Highway:*

Bartlett Auto, repair town truck	\$ 4.11
Midway Service, repair town truck	6.70

Merrimack Farmers', tools	15.81
Prescott Lumber, lumber	4.42
Merrimack Farmers, grass seed	7.19
Midway Service, repairs	11.30
Bartlett Motors, trailer hitch	61.00
Merrimack Farmers', supplies	7.19
Prescott Lumber, lumber	7.84
Kibby Equipment, snowplow	525.00
Charles Gould, pump	35.00
Bartlett Motors, repairs	18.00
Merrimack Farmers', road salt	108.91
Brooks Auto Supply, light	51.49
Bartlett Auto, mounting snowplow	407.06
Mt. Crosby Oil, repair sander	30.00
Lilby Equipment, repair pump	8.65
Midway Service, repair truck	28.00
Sanel Auto, chains	71.93
Kibby Equipment, wing and plow blade	49.19
Merrimack Farmers', salt	77.40
Mt. Crosby Oil, welding	15.00
Bartlett Auto, repairs on truck	189.39
N.H. Explosives, pump	170.00
N.H. Explosives, repairs	65.00
Sanel Auto Parts, tire chains	76.80
Edgar Albert, replacing lost tools, town truck	9.85
Midway Service, repairs truck	24.50
Merrimack Exchange, salt	34.70
N.H. Explosives, parts, blade, pulley, nut, bolts	37.57
Bartlett Auto, plow change - new truck	80.38
Edgell's Garage, wing parts	10.00
Midway Service, welding snowplow	14.80
Bartlett Auto, labor, parts for truck	123.71
Mt. Crosby Oil, oil	15.50
Bartlett Auto, parts and labor	310.62
Brooks Auto Supply, chains, cross links	31.65
Midway Service, parts, labor truck	34.72

Prescott Lumber, lumber for signs	48.73
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	\$2,890.56
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*Libraries:*

Selectmen to Library Treasurer	\$350.00
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*Old Age Assistance:*

State Treasurer	\$2,481.63
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*Town Poor: (Surplus Food)*

Eulalia Wescott, bookkeeping	\$ 16.00
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Town of Rumney, food	65.60
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Doris Kennedy, bookkeeping	32.40
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Harris Brothers, trash cans	15.96
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Verna Matthews, bookkeeping, mileage	126.59
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Grafton County, food (reimb. 17.96)	53.63
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Sears Roebuck & Co., refig. (reimb.)	165.40
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	\$475.58
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*Cemeteries:*

C. Denis Matthews, tractor	\$ 20.00
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Joseph Matthews, labor	92.50
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	\$112.50
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*Unclassified:*

Betty Ann deMello, auto reg. fees	\$128.00
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Town of Groton, tax sale	29.00
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Taxes Bought by the Town	7.30
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Head Tax fees	2.10
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Walter Murphy, damages and legal expenses	50.00
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Internal Revenue Department	298.20
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Betty deMello, Resident Tax fees	7.60
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*New Equipment:*

Bartlett Motors, 1971 Model 700 H.D.	
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International Truck	\$6,000.00
<i>State Treasurer:</i>	
Head Taxes - 1970 Bal.	\$ 69.50
Resident Taxes	266.05
Yield Tax Debt Ret.	278.37
Boat Tax	1.26
<i>Pemigewasset National Bank:</i>	
Temporary Loan Interest	\$ 338.44
Temporary Loan	20,000.00
Capital Reserve Fund - 1971, Trustee, Barbara Hobart	1,000.00
<i>Street Lighting:</i>	
N.H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	140.00
<i>County Tax</i>	\$6,264.99
<i>Newfound Area School District:</i>	
1970-71 Appropriation	\$7,863.30
1971-72 Appropriation	9,700.00

# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS IN THE TOWN OF GROTON, N.H. ON DEC. 31, 1971

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	New Bal. Prin. Bal. Inc. Funds End of Beg. of Created Year Year	Income During Year	Expend. During Year	Balance End of Year
Unknown	Cyrus Blood Fund	Care of Cyrus Blood Lot in Rofe Hill Cem.	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank No. 25171	\$50.00	\$83.69	none	\$90.47
Unknown	George Hall Fund	Care of Lot in Union Cemetery	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank No. 23172	100.00	137.09	none	149.16
Unknown	N. Groton Cemetery Fund	Care of Cemetery	The Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank No. 36736	231.98	94.24	none	110.85
10/29/69	Capital Reserve Fund	Purchase of Town Truck	The Bristol Savings Bank No. 21646	\$1000.00	2000.00	2071.75	164.89
11/21/60	Marjorie Warner Fund	Purchase of read- ing matter for Groton Library	The Bristol Savings Bank No. 18952	200.00	273.08	none	286.95
TOTALS				\$1000.00	\$2581.98	\$142.47	\$802.32

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**BARBARA HOBART, Trustee**



**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

February 11, 1972

To The Selectmen of The Town of Groton  
Groton, New Hampshire

I have completed the audit of the books of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Trustees, Treasurer and Selectmen for the Town of Groton for the year of 1971 and found them to be in satisfactory condition.

JOHN H. KELLY

*Public Accountant*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Books owned January 1971	2,396
Library	8
State	1
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	2,405
Books borrowed from Bookmobile	Approx. 150
<i>Services:</i>	
Volumes of fiction loaned	46
Volumes of non-fiction	69
Volumes of juvenile	27
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Total	142
Regular Borrowers	15

Respectfully submitted,  
*Librarian*

**REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER***Payments Jan. 1, 1971 to Dec. 31, 1971*

Anne Nettleton, Salary	\$ 9.00
Linda Humphrey, Salary	87.75
Chas. A. Carr Co., Inc., Fuel	128.79
New Hampshire Electric Coop., Inc., Lights	48.92
Reader's Digest, Subscription	4.97
Linda Humphrey, Cleaning Library	5.00
Linda Humphrey, Curtains	2.04
Linda Humphrey, Lock for Library	1.15
Check Book	2.50
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<i>Total Payments</i>	\$290.12
Balance	107.24
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$397.36

*Receipts Jan. 1971 to Dec. 31, 1971*

Cash on hand	\$ 47.36
Selectmen, Appropriation	350.00
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<i>Total</i>	\$397.36

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA HOBART  
*Library Treasurer*

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

### Lest We Forget – It Can Happen Here

Disastrous forest and brush fires that destroy hundreds of homes are more prevalent on the west coast with their dry seasons and strong dry hot winds but 25 years ago this fall is the anniversary of a disaster that devastated large areas of northern New England leaving villages in ashes with rows of cellarholes and chimneys in a number of summer vacation home locations. Many lives were lost on that destructive day of October 23, 1947 – nothing could stop the wind driven flames.

It is true that such conditions are unusual for New Hampshire but they happened once, they can happen again. The fuel for fires is all around us. All it takes is a firebrand. Only by cultivating a habit of carefulness with fire at all times can we meet the challenge of protection when dry conditions prevail. Please let these reminders be your guide:

1. Never, either when walking, riding or driving, discard a firebrand – a lighted match or a glowing cigarette.
2. Always obtain a permit for any outside burning. The burning of household rubbish is not permitted if your town has rubbish collection. Burning of grass or garden litter can be dangerous. See your warden first.
3. If you camp or picnic, be sure open fires are allowed and if they are, put them *dead out* when leaving.
4. *Most important* – Instruct your children in the danger of the lighted match. A lighted match and dry grass or forest litter is a dangerous combination

which leads to destructive loss and can lead to tragedy.

The past year – 1971 was a favorable year for the control of fires. There were too many fire starts in some towns. We thank those who remembered and ask others to heed Smokey's message.

*Number of fires reported and acres burned - 1971 season:*

State	463 fires	160 acres
District	19	11¼
Town	0	0

JOHN Q. RICARD

CARROLL D. MATTHEWS

*District Chief*

*Forest Fire Warden*

## SELECTMEN'S LETTER

### *Deficit Explanation*

#### *General Government:*

Salaries, Selectmen's Expenses, Election and Registration and Town Hall and Other Buildings were overspent due to the insufficient funds raised last year.

#### *Health:*

Town Dump attendant hired for two days a week during summer months.

#### *Highways and Bridges:*

Summer Roads, Winter Roads and General Expense of Highway Department overspent due to the heavy snows of 1971, a new plow and mounting on new truck, and heavy expensive breakdowns on old truck.

#### *Public Welfare:*

Surplus Food and Old Age Assistance - Insufficient funds raised to carry out program.

#### *Interest on Debts:*

Interest over because of heavy borrowing.

Summing up our deficit, it is noted that Winter Roads and General Expense of the Highway Department were the

two main areas of over-expenditure (\$5,400.00). The Selectmen hope that the budget proposed and the special articles in the warrant are accepted by the voters.

Respectfully submitted,

C. DENIS MATTHEWS  
FRAZER NEWBERRY  
LEWIS ALBERT

*Selectmen of Groton*

VITAL STATISTICS

— *Marriages* —

In Groton, N.H. September 10, 1971 by Richard W. Clancy, Justice of the Peace, Myron Clayton Braley and Marie Adelaide Matthews.

— *Births* —

In Plymouth, N.H. May 10, 1971, a daughter was born to James and Bonnie Albert of Groton, N.H.

— *Deaths* —

In Concord, N.H. October 28, 1971, Edward P. Albert, age 80.

I hereby certify that the above records are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BETTY ANN deMELLO  
*Town Clerk*









